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Sunday 15 November 2026

Safeguarding Sunday

Welcome to St Barnabas' in Pound Hill and St Nicholas' in Worth.

This sheet details the readings in today's services as well as notices for everyone.

SERVICES TODAY

Certain services will still be available online (live or recorded)

08:15 Said Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant	Revd Canon Penny Foreman
Preacher	Seb Pelissier
10:00 Sung Eucharist with Baptism	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Father Michael Boag

Please try our QR code to donate to Worth Parish. Scan this code with a smartphone to take you straight to a giving page.

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If you possibly can, please transfer the money by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth Poundhill & Maidenbower, sort code 40-18-22, account 61223372. If you need help, call the Office.

Pew Sheet Notices

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Safeguarding Sunday invites us to reflect on what it means to be a community in which every person is safe, respected, valued and loved. Our readings today remind us of God's protective love and of our responsibility to care for those who are vulnerable, particularly children and those who may find themselves overlooked or unheard. Psalm 91 speaks powerfully of God's protection, beginning as it does with the assurance that those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High rest in the shadow of the Almighty. For many of us the idea of safety is something we take for granted, assuming that our homes, communities and churches are places where we can feel safe, but sadly this is not always the case. Jesus tells the disciples that unless they change and become like little children, they cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, and that whoever welcomes one such child welcomes him. He goes further, warning against anyone who causes these little ones to stumble, as his heavenly father does not want even one to be lost. These are challenging words for the church today, reminding us that at its heart safeguarding is about the dignity and worth of every human being, and the responsibility for safeguarding rests with each and every one of us. We are called to make our churches places of refuge, not fear, of welcome, not exclusion; places of healing, not harm. In protecting the vulnerable, listening to the unheard, making room for those who need our care we are living out the Gospel itself.

Deborah

Collect
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Reading Psalm 91. 1-11, 15-16

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the



Almighty, Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.' For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday. Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you. Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold, There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour. With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Reading I Corinthians 13. 1, 4-8, 12-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Matthew 18. 1-5, 10, 12-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put



among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. 'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their

angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

NOTICES

Chosen Course

TODAY at St Barnabas' **12:00-13:00**, join us for our fifth session of "From Screen to Scripture", a study inspired by the popular show "The Chosen".

Parish Big Birthday Bash

Next Tuesday 17th November 2026 2 - 4pm. St Barnabas' Cafe. Looking forward to Celebrating Together. Please consider Car Shares **RSVP** / enquiries Rose Wells **rosetw@btinternet.com.**

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **20 November** . Please book your place with the Office or the Café by **Wednesday 18 November**. We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out (help and advice given)

Christmas Fair 2026

Yes folks, it's that time of year- the Christmas Fair. This will be held on **5 December 11:00-14:00** at St Barnabas.

As usual we will be looking for help on the day, setting up, running stalls and clearing away after event. Donation boxes and sign up sheets for volunteers will be in both churches from this week, please look and see if there is a space you can fill, if you are only able to manage an hour or so that's fine, as the saying goes " every little helps"

Thank you. Jane Stanford 07967 139168.

Messy Church

Come and see, a song and a prayer, followed by pizza and lollies. In November Messy Church will be

On **Saturday 14 and Wednesday 18 November 15:00-16:30,** at St Barnabas'.

Theme: Kingdom Parables: The lost coin.

Mother's Union

Thursday November 26 16:00. Mothers' Union are holding a Preparation for Advent Eucharist service at St Barnabas', before packing socks for the Gatwick Detainees. This will be followed with tea/coffee and mince pies. Everyone is welcome to attend so if you would like to please come along and join us.

The Circle

Will be on **Wednesday 18 November.** Andy Thomas is giving a talk on 'Christmas - a Festive History'. Doors open at 19:00 for a 19:30 start at St Barnabas'. £5. Everyone welcome.

Sponsored Rowing Event.

Ethan Butler will be taking part in a sponsored row with his Sea Cadets unit on **Saturday 13 December** in the County Mall (time to be confirmed). His team will be virtually rowing around the Isle of Wight to raise money for Crawley Sea Cadets unit. If you would like to sponsor him, he would be grateful for any donations- these can be made to Denyse/Stephen Mumford, Reverend Sarah or David Anderson.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 17 November	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 19 November	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 22 November	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sunday 22 November 2026 **Christ the King** Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1.15-end Matthew 25.31-end		

The Hangout Youth Club
at St Barnabas' meets Every Friday at 19:00 during term time.

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